

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

GOVERNOR SWANSON entertained last evening at dinner in honor of Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Elliott. Covers were laid for thirty-two, and ten courses were served, the menu including oysters, game, and all the delicacies with which the market is now abundantly filled.

This color scheme throughout was in red and green, the mantels being banked with dwarf palms and ferns and the table adorned with a centerpiece and vases of Richmond roses. Donbons, crystallized fruits and nuts, in silver compotes, candy shapes and glass chandeliers, in candlesticks and red-shaded candelabra, added a graceful finish, and ices were served in red rose cases.

The table was set in the state dining room, an apartment that lends itself admirably to dinner entertainment, because of its excellent proportions and spaciousness.

Those asked from the Senate and House of Representatives to meet the Lieutenant-Governor were Messrs. Early, Edmondson, Elam, Fletcher, Gravatt, Pollock, Holland, Kester, Lincoln, Bland, Noel, Parks, Saunders, Tucker, Watkins, Ward, Harding Walker, Strode, Pulliam, Gunter, Withers, Churchman, Judge Breckinridge, Messrs. Green, Montague, Hart, Barker, Garrett and Owens.

Tournament To-Night.
Compass whist will be played at the monthly tournament given at the Women's Club parlors, at 8:15 o'clock to-night.

Members of the club may invite gentlemen as partners or play with other ladies who are members of the club. Those playing must notify the house committee of the club not later than 11 o'clock this morning.

The Leap Year Ball.
Young ladies participating in the privileges of the Leap Year ball found full scope for their energies in correctly fulfilling the duties of escorts last evening.

In spite of the fact, however, that they had to hire carriages and spend a strenuous evening in conveying their guests to Masonic Temple and home again, the ball was danced by a large number of couples, following the admirable lead of Mr. Thomas P. Bryan.

Among the dancing were:
Miss Ella Blinford, in pink crepe de chine and white lace, with Mr. Cloyd Kent.

Miss Shields, of Lynchburg, in white chiffon cloth, with Count Faber.

Miss Eva Chataigne, in yellow chiffon cloth, with Count Faber.

Miss Inez Chataigne, in white chiffon cloth, with Mr. Crawford.

Miss Rena Glazebrook, in white organdy and Dresden ribbons, with Mr. W. B. Watkins.

Miss Myra Chambers, in white messaline, with Mr. Conway Howard.

Miss Louise Clarke, in blue crepe de chine, with Mr. James Wattson.

Miss Warfield Crenshaw, in white dotted net, Dresden embroidery, with Mr. Fitzgerald.

Miss Mary Hart Crenshaw, in white crepe de chine and lace, with Mr. George Hodgson.

Miss Lillian Blinford, in pink net, with Mr. Fontaine Jones.

Miss Frank Hobson, in white point d'esprit, with Mr. Fontaine Jones.

Miss Rebecca Walker, in pink chiffon cloth, with Mr. Fontaine Jones.

Miss R. W. Williams, in pale blue chiffon cloth, with Mr. Williams.

Miss R. B. Peggam, in pink messaline, with Mr. Williams.

Miss Sue Spilman, in white silk mull, yellow ribbons, with Mr. John Lea.

Miss Neal, from Hagerstown, Md., in white, with Mr. Dan Talley.

Miss Hattie Sheldahl, in white chiffon cloth and lace, with Mr. Lawton.

Miss Bessie Merrill, of Norfolk, in white mousseline, with Mr. Pope Nash.

Miss Frances Hobson, in blue, with Mr. Boshart.

Miss Daisy Boykin, in green, with Mr. Charles Shields.

Miss Elizabeth Brander, in white lace and pink net, with Mr. Hubbard.

Miss Ellen Vail, in white lingerie gown, with Mr. Gordon Smith.

Miss Mary Stuart Cooke, of Roanoke, in white silk, with Mr. Pleasanton Conquest, Jr.

Miss Brent Witt, in white batiste and black velvet, with Mr. Nelson Robins.

Miss Charlotte Miller, in pink chiffon, with Mr. Hiram Smith.

Miss Nancy Waddell, in Dresden silk, with Mr. Emil Daughman.

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Emma Andrews Club.
The Emma Andrews Whist Club will meet with Mrs. Armstrong Welford this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Crosses Not Bestowed.
The crosses of honor have not been bestowed by Mrs. N. V. Randolph, through some oversight of the jeweler in charge, and will not be bestowed to-night, as has been announced. Due notice of their arrival and the date of the ceremony will be announced.

Invitations Issued.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis, of Suffolk, have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Kate, to Mr. Clarence L. Russ. The ceremony will be performed in the Christian Church of Suffolk, on the afternoon of Thursday, January 30th, at 4 o'clock, the Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., to officiate.

Howell—Nurney.
The wedding of Miss Jessie Campbell Nurney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Nurney, of Suffolk, to Mr. Claude Flynna Howell, of Holly Ridge, N. C., will be celebrated at 7:15 o'clock, on the evening of Wednesday, February 5th, in the Suffolk Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. Dr. Richard Lee Walton, to officiate.

Mr. E. R. Hart, of Suffolk, and Mrs. Jack Camp, of Ocala, Fla., both sisters of the bride, will be matrons of honor. Misses Daisy and Mildred Nurney, two younger sisters, are to be maids of honor. Misses Thelma Nurney, of Suffolk, and Miss Busley, of Portsmouth, are to officiate as bridesmaids.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell, after February 20th, will have their home at the Hotel Carolina, Wilmington, N. C.

Personal Mention.
Mr. O. H. Farnham, who has been critically ill, is convalescing.

Mrs. Edward McCormick Greene, of Ben Venue, Va., is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. Henry Cloyd, of Pulaski, Va., who has been spending some time at No. 215 East Franklin Street, left yesterday for Blacksburg to visit relatives.

Miss Helen Adams, who has been visiting friends and having a delightful time in Wilmington, N. C., has returned to her home, No. 816 West Gate Street.

Miss Caroline Gordon Reynolds is the guest of friends in Savannah, Ga., and will return to the city this evening.

Mrs. J. Coxon Kline has returned from New York and is again the guest of Mrs. Anna Branch Cabell, at No. 1509 Grove Avenue.

Miss Anabel Jenkins, of Norfolk, will leave for Richmond to attend the Bridgeforth-Cooke wedding, is the guest of friends here.

Miss Margaret K. King, who spent a week in Richmond with Mrs. J. N. Dashiell, has returned to Norfolk.

Mr. J. Walton Grandy, who officiated as best man at the Dagwell-Duvall wedding, celebrated in Richmond on Wednesday, has returned to Newport News.

Miss Sally Deane, who has been spending some time in Philadelphia, is expected to return this week.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE.
Charters Granted for a Number of New Enterprises.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALPHIGH, N. C., January 23.—President J. H. Cleveland, of the Salem Female Academy and College, spent the day here, visiting the presidents of the three colleges for women here and conferring with them with reference to the features of a program being arranged for an annual meeting of the presidents of the colleges for women of North and South Carolina, to be held at the Salem Academy and College some time in March.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of Raleigh, has re-elected Dr. A. A. Marlette and Herbert Ward, vice-presidents, and A. E. S. Lindsay secretary-treasurer. The membership in the State has increased to 11,468, and over \$8,000,000 insurance is in force.

Five charters were granted to-day by the Secretary of State for new business enterprises, one each in Charlotte, Raleigh, King's Mountain, Ashboro and Oxford: The C. H. Robeson Company, of Charlotte, capital \$15,000, by C. H. and F. J. Robeson, G. A. Smith, C. A. Duckworth and others, for book, stationery and other mercantile business; The Cotton Belt Land Company, of Tarboro, capital \$100,000, for dealing in and cultivating cotton and other lands; Incorporators—W. G. Clark, C. A. Johnson and others.

The People's Loan and Trust Company, of King's Mountain, capital \$10,000, by J. B. Thomason and others, for banking and general investment business.

Horne Brothers Company, of Oxford, \$25,000 capital, for mercantile business; Incorporators—Thomson and J. W. Horne and others.

BILL PROPOSED FOR STATE PROHIBITION

An Outline of the Measure Introduced Yesterday in North Carolina Legislature.

ITS PASSAGE IS PROBABLE

Senator Mason Says the People Would Shout for Joy if Legislature Would Adjourn.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 23.—There was introduced in duplicate to-day in the Senate and House the bill providing for a State prohibition election to be held under the agreement reached in the Democratic legislative caucus Tuesday night, the bill being presented in the Senate by Senator Long and in the House by Representative Dowd. The bills went to the Committee on Prohibitions and Grievances, and the Senate committee decided this afternoon to report it favorably. The House has not yet voted on its report, discussion in committee being in progress to-night.

The bill for a State prohibition election provides in the first section that liquors shall be obtainable only on prescriptions from a physician, from medical depository or drug store, and clerics may be made from grapes, berries or fruits raised on the lands of the makers or their persons, and sold at the place of manufacture in quantities of not less than five gallons, the package not to be opened on the premises or any of its tanks there.

Section 2 defines spirituous, vinous and malt liquors.

Section 3 prescribes fine or imprisonment for violation of provisions of the act.

Section 4 makes place of delivery place of sale.

Section 5 makes it possible to procure wine for "religious or sacramental purposes."

Section 6 allows commissioners or town aldermen to prohibit druggists from selling liquors.

Section 7 repeats all laws in conflict, and provides that none of the local and special acts for prohibition now in force shall be repealed, whatever the result of the election.

Section 8 makes violation of any feature of the act a misdemeanor.

Section 9 makes the law effective January, 1909, provided the majority of votes cast are "against manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors."

Section 10, that the election shall be held on the first Thursday in August next, and details the machinery for the election.

Many Trivial Bills.
A great flood of bills, many of them of most trivial character, were introduced in both branches of the Legislature.

In discussing the Pharr resolution to confine legislation to rate matters and prohibition, Senator Mason declared that business men all over the State would shout for joy if the Legislature adjourned at once, rate compromise or no rate compromise. The resolution was left open until to-morrow.

In the House Mr. Manning, as chairman of the Committee on Public Service, Corporations, announced progress by the joint committee in the investigation of the railroad rate situation, and indicated the desire of the joint committee to thoroughly canvass the situation before reporting a bill dealing with the rate situation and the recommendations of the Governor as the proposed compromise. He indicated that it might be two or three days before the committee is ready to report a bill.

Mr. Williams, of Duplin, introduced a bill to repeal the present law allowing newspapers to receive passes or other concessions from railroads.

WILL REPORT FLAT RATE
Pretty Well Settled That Mileage Books Will Be Left Out of Provision.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALPHIGH, N. C., January 23.—The House Committee on Public Service Corporations wrestled until a late hour with the problem of the preparation of the bill that must be introduced embodying the railroad rate compromise or whatever adjustment of the matter the committee shall deem it best to present to the Legislature. The committees of the two houses sat jointly this afternoon and heard a number of speakers, including General Counsel Elliott, of the Atlantic Coast Line, who outlined to the committee the attitude of his company to the compromise. They had not, he said, agreed to the

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Hon. Henry G. Davis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23.—While the formal announcement of the engagement of former United States Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, candidate for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket in 1904, and Miss Maud Ashford, daughter of the late Mahlon Ashford, and sister of Snowden Ashford, Building Inspector of the District of Columbia, has not been made, it is admitted by Miss Ashford that the news is true, and those closest to the couple say that the wedding day is not far distant. Mr. Davis is eighty-four years old, while the prospective bride is not half his age.

Prior to entering newspaper life Miss Ashford had acted, it is said, as social secretary for Mrs. Arthur Lee, her prospective daughter-in-law, and, it is

Miss Maud Ashford.

said, the friendship of a lifetime has not been seriously disturbed by the new order of things.

It was as Mrs. Lee's guest that Miss Ashford frequently visited the family home at Elkins, W. Va. It was there that she met Mr. Davis, and the two became engaged for some time, but did not tell their intimate friends and did not think that it concerned the newspapers. I cannot say when the marriage will take place, as we have made no plans whatever. My mother has been very ill and my whole attention has been given to her. It may take place in the spring, and, again, it may not—I cannot say.

Interstate phase of the proposed marriage books.

J. H. Stewart and other representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors appealed for a three-cent rate, on the ground that a 2 1/2-cent rate meant to them a 10 per cent. cut in wages inevitably. General Manager Lambeth, of the South and Western Road, appealed for the reduced rates to apply to no road of less than 100 miles.

A bill may be reported Saturday. The impression is strong that it will provide a 2 1/2-cent flat rate, leaving the railroads to make whatever concessions they deem best as to the mileage book rates, since there is doubt as to whether an act fixing a rate for single tickets and for lower book rates would stand the test of the courts.

The afternoon and until 10 o'clock to-night the House Committee on Prohibitions and Grievances heard argument on and considered the bill for a prohibition election, as introduced in both houses this morning. The Senate committee during the afternoon amended the bill so that surgeons, as well as physicians, could prescribe liquor, and sent that bill as amended to the House committee to-night, with the result that ultimately that body also voted a favorable report without further amendment.

Representative Cowles stirred considerable interest by his contention that if grapes were to be permitted to be converted into wine in Eastern Carolina, then the apple growers in the west should have the privilege of converting their apples into brandy.

Representative Grant also vexed the anti-alcohol representatives with insistence that if the wine was to be made in the east, then it should be the right of the western man to make through shipping across the State. Amendments embodying both contentions were voted down.

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.
North Carolina Insurance Company Holds Reports and Elect Officers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HIGH POINT, N. C., January 23.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Fire Insurance Company was held here yesterday, a large attendance being present, and reports of the officers showed a large volume of business and the company was in the best of financial condition.

The old board of directors was re-elected. The following officers were also elected: N. C. English, president; J. E. Kirkman, first vice-president; John W. Lambeth, second vice-president; E. M. Armfield, secretary. The following were also elected executive committee for the ensuing year: G. T. Hedrick, O. E. Kearns, Paul Mattocks, J. E. Kirkman and N. C. English.

DEPUTY SHERIFF BADLY CUT
Negro Arrested for Wife-Beating Slashes Officer, Who Shoots.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., January 23.—Deputy Sheriff B. B. Deasley, of Spencer, was dangerously cut in the neck to-day by Jim Draper, a desperate negro, arrested by the officer for wife-beating. Draper, who was armed with a large revolver, once taking effect in the heel and another in the side, the latter going through the lung. The negro, then, was captured by the bleeding officer and a posse of citizens. He is expected to die, but his wife is safely out in the street, but will recover.

Editor of Orphans' Friend Dead.
OF ORPHANS' FRIEND, 23.—E. W. Jones, editor of the Orphans' Friend for many years, died this afternoon at his residence, near Oxford.

Mr. Jones had a long and useful life. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was very popular. He leaves a widow and four children. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon with Masonic rites, having been secretary of the lodge here many years.

The death of Mr. Jones the orphans lose a devoted friend, and the asylum a faithful and efficient officer.

BANKS REDUCE THEIR RATES.
Those of England and France Reflect Impact of Shorter Interest Rates.

LONDON, January 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was to-day reduced from 4 per cent. to 3 1/2 per cent. The rate was a foregone conclusion, owing to the rapidly improving financial conditions prevailing everywhere, which caused the market for discount rates to fall to 3 7/8 per cent. The return of cash from the country, further helped the reserve, which was further increased by the receipt of gold from Egypt and Australia as well as by gold now en route to London. This will include five million dollars' worth of gold which probably will be secured by the Bank of England on Monday. Further influence toward the reduction of the bank rate are the conditions prevailing on the continent, forecasting early reductions in the rates of France and Germany, and the likelihood of a return of gold from America or the shipment of gold from America to Argentina Republic, relieving the demand on London. The announcement of the reduction of the bank rate had a favorable effect on the London Stock Exchange.

PARIS, January 23.—The bank of France to-day reduced its rate of discount from 4 to 3 per cent.

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got out. One member of Congress told to-day that two mules had brought him over 200 applications for the book. Another said that in one mail there were upwards of seventy applications for the publication. Neither of them had heard that the government had issued such a work, but on inquiry it was found that each Representative is entitled to but seventeen copies, and each Senator to but twenty.

Flood and the Chairmanship.
Some of the friends of Representative Flood fear that he may yet be defeated for the chairmanship of the Democratic Congressional Committee. The friends of Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, his most formidable opponent, are making appeals to the delegations from the various States to bring pressure to bear upon their representatives on the committee to vote for the Missourian. This method of campaigning is one which it is hard to combat. While it is believed Mr. Flood stands the best chance of any of the three candidates, his election is hardly the certainty it was regarded to be a week or two ago. Chairman Griggs, of Georgia, who is a warm partisan of Mr. Lloyd, will not say when he proposes calling the committee to meet to elect a chairman. The delay is not hurting Mr. Lloyd, at least, but it may be injuring the chances of Mr. Flood.

It is regarded as settled that a member of Congress will be made secretary of the committee. The place was offered to Representative Burton Harrison, of New York, but he had not yet indicated that he would accept it.

Thomas F. Ryan in Virginia Politics.
Virginians here were interested to-day in the published story to the effect that Thomas F. Ryan contemplated making his home in Richmond and entering Virginia politics. There is no way in which the story can be confirmed in this city. Those who should come nearer to knowing the truth than anybody else do not profess absolute information, but doubt the published story. It is true that it does obtain some credence, but this does not appear to be based on absolute information, or anything approaching it. Possibly whether he has a desire to become Governor of Virginia or to succeed Senator Daniel or Senator Martin, Senator Ryan will not return until to-morrow from New York, where he addressed a gathering of Confederate and Union veterans last night. The demands upon Senator Daniel for such

addresses is far greater than he can fill. Scarcely a day passes that he does not have to refuse to accept an invitation to go somewhere and make a speech, generally to some G. A. R. post or some camp of Confederate veterans.

RESTRAINS RAILROADS FROM CONTINUING PRESENT RATES.
MACON, GA., January 23.—Judge Emory Spear, in the Federal Court here, to-day, granted an injunction to the Kaul Lumber Company, of Birmingham, Ala., temporarily restraining the Central of Georgia, the Southern Railway and the Louisville and Nashville Railroads from continuing in effect the two cents extra per hundred pounds rate on lumber from Alabama to points on the Ohio River and northward, which rate was made effective June 22, 1907.

Burn Books to Stop Fever.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., January 23.—In order to prevent the spread of scarlet fever, the board of education has decided to burn at least 750 text-books in use at the Kenwood and Douglass schools. Though there are only thirty-six cases of scarlet fever in the city parents are alarmed.

Probably Lost in Mountains.
LOS ANGELES, CAL., January 23.—Bennie A. Walker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Walker, of Canton, Ohio, who are now in this city, is thought to be lost in the mountains. He has been missing since the morning of January 15th.

RABBI AND ARTIST SPEAK AT KNIFE AND FORK CLUB.
KANSAS CITY, MO., January 23.—Rabbi Samuel Schulman, of Temple Bethel, New York City, and Alfred Montgomery, an artist of New York City, were the guests of honor this evening at the monthly dinner of the Knife and Fork Club.

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